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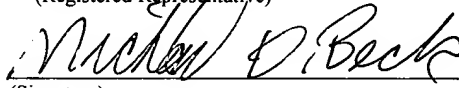
In re patent application of : Stout ) Examiner: T. Pardo  
Serial No. 09/100,934 )  
Filed: June 22, 1998 ) Group Art Unit: 2171  
Title: Date Formatting System )  
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent Office inform the undersigned as to the status of the above-captioned patent application. On May 30, 2003 the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference issued a reversal of a final rejection. A subsequent Notice of Allowance was withdrawn on June 4, 2004, and a non-Final Rejection was received on the same day, Applicant responded on August 27, 2004.

This application has been in the prosecution stage for six years even though a petition to make special was granted on March 27, 2003, due to the age of the applicant. It is believed that the Applicant has met all of the statutory and procedural requirements to obtain a patent for his invention. Prompt action is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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